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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM TURKISH PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL

1. FYI, FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL WAS CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT JULY 4 BY TURKISH EMBASSY:

BEGIN TEXT: AS YOUR COUNTRY CELEBRATES THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL AS MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

ON THIS OCCASION, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY HOPE THAT THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED IN THE YEARS AHEAD. SIGNED  
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SULEYMAN DEMIREL, PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL:

BEGIN TEXT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD

AND I JOIN IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST, BUT ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE IMPORTANT GOALS OUR NATIONS SHARE. SIGNED, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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